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1. Estonian Mainland

- a. A new Russian airfield is reported to be located to the south of Rieipere (Nissai, 59°06'N; 24°19'E), in the Harjuma district.
- b. Another Russian airfield is reportedly in operation near Kuusiku, southern Harjuma district.
- c. A concentration of 152mm artillery and T-32 type tanks (sic, T-34 ?) is located in the town of Tapa (59°12'N; 25°55'E).

II. Islands of Saaremaa (Oesel) and Hiiumaa (Dago).

- a. With the exception of Kuivastu, all the harbors of the island of Saaremaa have been declared naval ports; entry of the local population to all harbor areas is forbidden.
- b. The port of Jaagurahu, on the west coast of Saaremaa, is reportedly one of the main supply ports and bases for the Russian garrison and installations on the island. Large quantities of food and equipment are being brought into the port. The entrance to the harbor is closely guarded and searchlights cover the area during the night.
- c. The port of Triigi, on Triigi Bay in northern Saaremaa, is used by the Russian navy. It is being further developed as a naval base and has been closed to the local inhabitants since the beginning of the work.
- d. The entrance of Rägalaht Gulf, on northwestern Saaremaa, is defended by shore batteries on both sides of the gulf. (Approximate areas are indicated on attached map.)
- e. A Russian coastal battery has been established at Pärnana, on the northern shore of Saaremaa. The guns are of large caliber and are mounted on platform-type foundations. The fortification of the narrow neck of water between Saaremaa and Hiiumaa Islands was further strengthened recently by the installation of a coastal battery near the town of Lepik, on the southern shore of Hiiumaa. These guns are 105-152mm caliber, with a reported range of 25 to 30 kilometers.

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- f. A large Russian airfield is located on the eastern shore of Lake Kara, west central Sakramen. Barracks for field personnel and other army units are located here. The entire installations of the field are reportedly being modernized; use is made of all buildings erected during the German occupation.
- g. The airfield at Aste is used by the Russians. It has been expanded to include areas on both sides of the road extending north. Many permanent brick and wooden barracks are located on the eastern side of the field, which is the most important section.

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